

FLOOD RESOLUTION PASSED 53 TO 18

SPLENDID CROPS BEING GROWN

In a trip through the country to the northwest of Estancia, Monday, we saw some wonderful crops. Wonderful for several reasons. Only a few short years ago, it was said and many believed it, that nothing of any note could be grown in the Estancia Valley. For years the valley was one great sheep pasture, and most of those who had opportunity to pass through the valley thought that was all it was fit for. It has not been a half dozen years since one of the sheep men made an offer of one dollar per ear for all the corn which matured in the Estancia Valley. Needless to say he withdrew the offer before the harvest time came.

The crops are wonderful, first in the acreage now maturing. Immense fields of corn, beans, potatoes, sorghum, maize, and practically every crop known to the temperate zone, are seen in their full green splendor. Gardens and truck patches are simply immense. Another wonderful thing about the crops is the size of the individual plants. On several of the farms we visited, we found corn which rivals that of the Ohio river bottoms of our boyhood days. Our readers may laugh at the idea of getting lost in an Estancia corn field, but we are willing to risk the statement that we can take them to fields where they will have trouble in finding their way out. We found many acres of corn nine and ten feet high. A great deal of the corn is already in the milk. Some is too hard for roasting ears. Several fields of oats we saw are immense beyond description. The field of J. M. Milbourn on the old McGillivray place is an example. Here the oats was up to our shoulders. It is heading out, but not nearly all headed, the heads being only partially out of the boots. We brought back a sample of this oats to back up our statements. It measures five feet and one inch in height. Some of the stalks are as thick as a lead pencil. W. H. Ligon and Andrew Eblen each have fields almost if not equally as good. Mr. Milbourn's wheat averaged about eighteen bushels per acre, which is not bad in a country where "nothing will grow." He was busy baling the straw, as nothing is allowed to go to waste on this farm. Mr. Kuykendall's rye threshed in the neighborhood of

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twenty-five bushels per acre, the exact yield we do not know. He also will bale the straw. In the same neighborhood others who have extra good crops are: W. T. Perser, I. W. Meador, Jesse Hubbard and Fred Kutchin. Closer to town we found good crops at J. T. Blaney's, O. P. Turner's, C. L. Riley's, L. G. Grover's and Rev. Windsor's.

There are some who fear the warm days are hurting the crops. After so much rain during July, this could easily be true. But a close examination seems to verify the statement of Mr. Milbourn "I guess we're more scared than hurt, so far." The warm weather with the dry nights naturally has its effect on the crops. But where the preparation of the soil was careful and thorough and the cultivation continuous preceding the rains and since, we found little complaint. Our farmers are learning every day that a crop will not make itself. Cultivation and perspiration are as necessary or more so than irrigation, especially this season.

One thing we must not overlook is the orchard of C. L. Riley. He has a number of apple trees four years old, on a north hillside slope. These or at least most of them have had no irrigation what ever. The soil has been kept stirred and open for the penetration of the air and moisture, when moisture fell. The trees have been carefully pruned, and as a result Mr. Riley has as fine a young orchard as any one could wish. As evidence that the trees have not been irrigated, they are growing on ground much higher than the windmill and tank.

The acreage in beans and the condition of the crop is more than satisfactory all through the whole of our trip. Thousands of pounds of beans will mature if there is no more rain this fall. But such a condition is hardly to be thought of. With rain during August, the bean crop will be a record breaker and no mistake.

Photographer Craycraft wanted to know how we managed to hypnotize the farmers and farmers' wives, for long before we reached home the buggy had been so completely filled with vegetables of all kinds that there was no room for our pedal extremities which we must stow away as best we could. If we have hypnotized anyone, it is merely by having given the farmers as square deal as we know how.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The senate today passed the Flood Resolution by a vote of 53 to 18, after having defeated the Nelson Substitute by a vote of 43 to 26. The resolution passed the Senate just as it was reported from the committee, and practically the same as adopted by the House on May 23 by a vote of 142 to 50. The only change in the resolution since having been adopted by the House is in the wording regarding the matter of the ballots for the special vote on the amendment clause.

The Flood Resolution provides that New Mexico be admitted to statehood with the constitution as adopted by the people on January 21, with the provision that at the same election at which state and county officers are elected, the voters shall decide whether they desire the clause relating to the amendment of the constitution as drafted by the constitutional convention or whether they desire to substitute in lieu thereof a paragraph making the constitution more easily amended. The vote on this proposition, however, can in no wise alter the matter of statehood, itself.

In the case of Arizona, the Flood Resolution provides that its voters shall vote again on the question as to whether or not the recall as written in the Arizona constitution shall extend to the judiciary. The result of this vote will likewise not affect the matter of statehood.

The long sought for boon of statehood for New Mexico and Arizona is now squarely up to President Taft. While it has been reported that he has made the statement that he would not sign the Flood Resolution, should it pass the senate, it is hardly thought probable that he will now refuse, since the vote was so strong in both houses, practically three to one.

Mrs. Burrus and Mrs. Vance arrived last night for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burrus.

W. D. Shea, traveling freight agent of the D. & R. G., was in Estancia yesterday on railroad business. Mr. Shea attended Resources Day at Mountainair and is en route north.

Obituary

All that was mortal of Ruby Annie Belle Shirley was laid to rest yesterday morning in the Estancia cemetery, Rev. J. Q. Herrin conducting services at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Shirley. On December 20, 1909, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Shirley was brightened by the arrival of a little girl, but the flower was not destined to blossom long in this world. On August 7, at the age of nineteen months and eight teen days, death claimed Ruby, after several days of intense suffering. A large number of friends showed their sympathy and love by attending the funeral services and following the remains to the last resting place. While the home has been saddened by her departure, another little hand is beckoning the sorrowing ones from the portals of the better land.

Through the News we wish to thank our numerous friends for their kindness, sympathy and help during the illness and death of our little one. May you in times of similar trouble find as sincere friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shirley.

Land Office decisions

A desert land entryman may make proof of reclamation and receive patent within four years from date of entry. In order to obtain extension of time in which to submit final proof under provision of Section 3, of the Act of March 28, 1908 (35 Stat. 52,) it must appear that failure to reclaim was "without fault on his part" and due to "some unavoidable delay in the construction of the irrigating works intended to convey water to the said lands."

Desert land entrymen should not, in general, depend upon co-operation with adjoining land proprietors or entrymen for the necessary water to reclaim land entered.

Miss Irene Lasater returned to her home at Moriarty yesterday noon, after a visit with Grandma and Grandpa Lasater here.

(Special to the Morning News by D. R. Lane.)

Mountainair, Aug. 9—Yesterday was a great day at Mountainair. An informal meeting of the stockholders of the Mountainair Chautauqua was held yesterday and important developments, which will probably revise the Chautauqua situation in New Mexico, took place. It was decided to increase the capitalization of the association from \$20,000 to \$50,000. To those persons holding paid up stock at present, new stock in addition will be issued up to their relative share under the new capitalization. The remainder will be sold in 20-share blocks or multiples thereof, in the sections from which the association wishes to draw support. The funds thus derived will be used in advertising the Chautauqua and in making further improvements necessary to place this institution on its feet in its rightful position—at the head of unofficial educational and cultural institutions of the territory. Grounds will be improved, needed developments made, advertising put out, and a strenuous effort made to bring many hundred more people here than have attended this season.

Secretary W. M. McCoy rendered a report which showed the association to have \$6,000 in assets and generally to be in the best condition since its organization.

One of the advertising features the association is likely to adopt is the holding of a series of lyceum courses, guaranteed attractions, money back if you want it, in the cities and towns of the territory. No effort to make money on the proposition will be made, as the association will merely make the effort for the sake of reminding the public through the winter months of the activity of the Chautauqua.

A formal meeting will be held today to elect officers and adopt a resolution for the stock increase.

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